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SD APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER

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Dear SD Appropriations Committee Member;

We are contacting you to bring awareness to the state-wide communications system upgrade. After 2023 components of the system will no longer have material or technical support from the vendor, leaving the system and its 20,000 local, state, tribal, and federal users in jeopardy of losing our statewide source of interoperable communications.

For the past 16 years the system has served the public safety community well. For the past 7 years we have been actively updating the components that we could, and planning for this final update in 2023. After two years of research, a funding proposal is ready to be presented for your consideration.

Questions raised on the system during the past two legislative sessions have led to the two documents included that we hope you find useful. Additional resources can be found at: <http://sdpscc.sd.gov>.

Our executive board members and council appointees welcome your inquiries.

Sincerely, South Dakota Public Safety Communications Council

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